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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

As a lyme disease sufferer with no health insurance, Naturapathic medicine has been my savior. The physicians who I was treated by were knowledgeable and educated me in a wholesome, holistic way that help me take conscious decisions in how to take of myself. Something I have never received from MD's.

Please make this happen, put it out in the mainstream, so we can all be able to afford an alternative that works. I know it from own experience.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Virginia Meza